

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S361–S393

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2075–2079, and S. Res. 369. **Page S388**

Measures Reported:

S. 1108, to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more efficient, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 112–144)

S. 1142, to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–145)

S. 1149, to expand geothermal production, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–146)

S. 1160, to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 112–147)

S. 432, to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 112–148)

S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S388**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the New York Giants: Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, congratulating the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLVI. **Page S392**

Measures Considered:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs. **Page S382**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, February 7, 2012, a vote on cloture will occur at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012. **Page S382**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2012. **Page S392**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Page S393**

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Measures Referred: **Page S388**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S388, S392**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S392.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

UNITED STATES MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for United States monetary and fiscal policy, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “The Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act of 2012”.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Larry Leon Palmer, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Phyllis Marie Powers, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua, Jonathan Don Farrar, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, and Julissa Reynoso, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answer questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to India, Department of State, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine accessible technology, focusing on challenges and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Eve Hill, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Mark A. Riccobono, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; John Quick, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Columbus, Indiana; and Mark Turner, California State University Center for Accessible Media, Long Beach.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 3911–3973 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 540, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3521) to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for a legislative line-item veto to expedite consideration of rescissions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–389).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Young (IN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Jeffrey Astrachan, Temple Beth Israel, York, Pennsylvania.

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Civilian Property Realignment Act: The House passed H.R. 1734, to decrease the deficit by realigning, consolidating, selling, disposing, and improving the efficiency of federal buildings and other civilian real property, by a recorded vote of 259 ayes to 164 noes, Roll No. 38. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, February 6th. **Pages H529–30, H531–33**

Rejected the Michaud motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 37.

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Rejected:

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 112–385) that was debated on February 6th that sought to protect the ability of Federal agencies to work with local governments to preserve appropriate excess Federal property as open space, eliminating Federal maintenance expenses while preserving public benefits (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 36).

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H. Res. 537, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday.